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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
CHRISTOPHE THURIEAU ET AL. :
APPLICATION NO.: 09/719,457 :
FILED: June 13, 2001 :
FOR: IMIDAZOLYL DERIVATIVES AND :
THEIR USE AS SOMATOSTATIN LIGANDS :

EXAMINER: LIU, H.
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Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, ("Instant Office Action"), the period for reply having been extended to expire on September 12, 2002, pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time, filed herewith.

In the Instant Office Action claims 1-43 are listed as pending and claims 1-43 are listed as subject to restriction requirement.

Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group II, claims 1-43, drawn to compounds of formula (I) where R1 and R2 do not form a ring, A1 is C(=Y)-NX1X2, and R3 is indol-3-yl, and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.

Applicants further provisionally elect the following compound specie: